GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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Setting up of Solar Parks
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the permission accorded by the Government to set up 25 additional solar parks each of 500 MW will not only boost the solar energy sector but also promote the indigenous production of solar cells & PV panels;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government plans to boost the manufacturing of solar cells & PV panels by providing financial assistance and the various schemes to attract/promote the Indian companies/industries thereby increasing the employment opportunities making 'Make in India' campaign further stronger; and (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR POWER, COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Recently, Government of India (GoI) has approved the enhancement of capacity from 20,000 MW to 40,000 MW of the Scheme for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects for setting up of atleast 50 solar parks each with a capacity of 500 MW and above by 2019-20, with an estimated Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 8100 Crore.

(c) & (d): GoI is supporting indigenous production of solar cells/modules by way of incentives such as concession on custom duty on import of components of solar cells/modules, exemption on excise duty on manufacturing of solar cells/modules. GoI has also been supporting solar manufacturing through a Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS) of Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY).
A short term training programme called Suryamitra Training Programme has been designed primarily for the skill development of unemployed youths so that, after training they could be engaged in installation, commissioning, operation, maintenance and repair of solar power projects.
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